(*c*) the number of bodies constructed at the P. W. D. Workshops; and

(*d*) the number of bodies constructed by contractors, and the amount paid to them?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: (*a*) 60 Chassis, each costing Bh. Rs. 5,000.

(*b*) Rs. 1,600 per bus.

(*c*) 25 bodies for buses and 1 for lorry.

(*d*) 34 bodies were constructed by contractors. Rs. 45,000 has been paid and the balance of Rs. 9,400 remains to be paid pending final settlement of accounts.

MR. A. J. JOHN: May I know from Government whether the model of the bus was the 1936 one?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: I believe the model was the 1936 model.

MR. A. J. JOHN: May I know the name of the contractor who constructed the body of the buses?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: The body of the buses was constructed partly in the P. W. D. Workshops and partly by Byramshaw & Co., Madras.

MR. A. J. JOHN: Was there any local contractor who offered to build the body?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: There was an application from a local contractor but on investigation it was found that he had neither the necessary equipment nor the financial competence for the purpose of executing the work.

MR. K. T. THOMAS (*Tiruvella*): May I know who conducted the investigation?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: The Transport Superintendent.

Cost of bus shed at Thampanur.

14. ✻**MR. A. J. JOHN**: Will the Government be pleased to state the total cost of the bus shed constructed at Thampanur?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: The total cost of the bus shed constructed at Thampanur is Rs. 1,15,985.

Appointment of persons related to officers in Government service.

15. ✻**MR. K. T. THOMAS**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is a Government Circular prohibiting officers from appointing their relations in their own offices; and

(*b*) whether they are aware that a relation of the Conservator of Forests has been in the Office of the Conservator for over five years?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

The Travancore State Congress.

16. ✻**MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum Town*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether a circular has been issued by the Government to the Heads of Departments to the effect that the members and supporters of the Travancore State Congress should not be entertained in the Public Service?

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